

Inspection Report

BHAGAVAN ANTLE

Customer ID: 9276

Certificate: 56-C-0116

Site: TRA

VARIOUS TRAVEL LOCATIONS

TIGERS

851 FOLLY RANCH LANE

MYRTLE BEACH, SC 29588

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 06 October 2012

2.131 (c)(3)

HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

Section 2.131 (c) (3) states - "During public exhibition, dangerous animals such as lions, tigers, wolves, bears, or elephants must be under the direct control and supervision of a knowledgeable and experienced animal handler."

1. APHIS personnel were present during a show using Big Cats. The Big Cats were on an elevated stage that was 5 feet above the ground. There was a 3-4 foot tall wooden rail fence located 10 feet in front of the stage that separated the public from the stage. The adult Big Cats, specifically adult Tigers and an adult Liger, were led from the backstage holding area out to the stage by the Licensee. The Big Cats had a collar around their neck that was connected to a chain leash that was held by the Licensee. During the show, the Big Cats were led across the stage and went up onto an elevated platform during the presentation. Although there was a cable system present on the stage, the leash that was held by the Licensee was the only method of restraint being used to control the Big Cats during the show.

Per this Section of the Regulations, dangerous animals must be under the direct control of the handler whenever these animals are exhibited to the public. The use of a leash that is held by a handler as the sole means of control when an adult Big Cat is being exhibited to the public is not sufficient to restrain a powerful potentially dangerous adult Big Cat.

The Licensee needs to include the cable system as an additional method of restraint to ensure the Big Cats remain under the direct control during public exhibition for the safety of the public.

Correct by 10/13/12

NOTE - Inspection conducted at the Renaissance Faire in Carver, MA by Drs. Paula Gladue and Tonya Hadjis. Exit interview held 10/6/12 on-site with Licensee. *END OF REPORT*

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